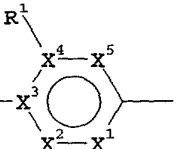


ABSTRACT

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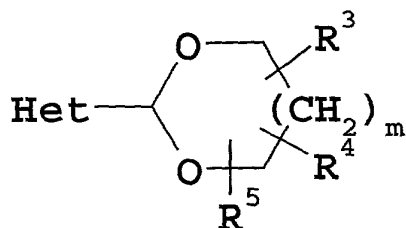
HETEROARYL-CYCLIC ACETALS

Compounds of formula (I) are described in which Het is a five or six membered heteroaromatic

ring of the formula  in which one of R¹ and R² is optionally substituted

heteroaryl and the other is optionally substituted heteroaryl or optionally substituted aryl; X¹ is a bond, X³ and X⁴ are each independently N or C and X² and X⁵ are independently CH, N, NH, O or S; or X³ and X⁴ are C, one of X¹, X² and X⁵ is N and the others are N or CH; but excluding compounds in which X¹ is a bond, one of X² and X⁵ is N and the other is NH and X³ and X⁴ are both C; R³ represents a group -L¹-R⁶; R⁴ represents hydrogen, alkyl or hydroxyalkyl; or R³ and R⁴, when attached to the same carbon atom, may form with the said carbon atom a cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl or heterocycloalkyl ring or a group C=CH₂; R⁵ represents hydrogen or alkyl; and m is zero or an integer 1 or 2; and N-oxides thereof, and their prodrugs; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and solvates of compounds of formula (I) and N-oxides thereof, and their prodrugs.

20 The compounds are TNF inhibitors and are useful as pharmaceuticals.



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